compared to common bulb known as incandescent bulb. However, due to Government's initiative in reducing duties, the price of CFL has been reducing down from Rs. 350, three years back to less than Rs. 100 now. The demand for CFL has been growing at approximately 40% per annum. Ministry of Power through Bureau of Energy Efficiency has prepared a scheme to provide CFL lamps at the cost of Normal bulb by leveraging Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Revenue which will accrue due to lower energy consumption by CFL.

(c) and (d) Following the receipt of an application for imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of CFL from China PR and few other countries, an anti-dumping investigation has been initiated on 30.8.2007 in the matter. Preliminary findings have been issued *vide* DGFT's Notification No. 14/1/2007-DGAD dated 12.3.2008.

Status of GIDC and Sachin GIDC Estate upgradation project

2023. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has sent two proposals under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme *viz.* Lodhika, Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) upgradation project and Sachin GIDC Estate upgradation project in the year 2004 and 2005 respectively; and

if so, the present status of these two projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These projects could not be considered since the entire 10th Plan allocation for the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme was committee for the projects which had already been sanctioned.

Export of non-Basmati Rice

†2024. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the export of non-Basmati rice was allowed from the country during the financial year 2007-2008;

if so, the total quantum of non-Basmati rice exported in this financial year upto January, 2008;

the difference in the price of non-Basmati rice in domestic market as well as the international market during the above period; and

the incentives given to the rice exporters for increase in exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The export of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

non-basmati rice was banned in October, 2007. The ban on export of non-basmati rice was lifted on 31.10.2007 and export permitied subject to a minimum export price which is currently US$ 650 per ton (Rs. 26,000 per ton) f.o.b. The total quantum of non-basmati rice exported during 2007-08 upto 26.01.2008 is 51.02 lakh MTs (provisional as reported by DGCI&S).

(c) The average domestic export price for October 2007 is US$ 384.47 per MT (equivalent to Rs. 14,608.70 per MT). Against this, the prevailing international prices are:

Thailand A-l Super	US$351 perMT
Pakistan 25% broken	US$ 370 per MT
USA 15% white	US$ 495 per MT

(d) The government, in general, has been promoting exports of rice directly and through statutory bodies like APEDA. In order to boost exports, the Government provides various incentives through APEDA for infrastructure, development, quality control, market development and promotion, packaging, publicity, information dissemination etc. However in 2007-08, the export of rice has been sought to be restricted through introduction of Minimum Export Price and port restrictions.

Investment in retail sector by MNCs

†2025. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that MNCs are trying to invest in retail sector of India, if so, names of companies entering agreement to invest in India;

whether it is also a fact that Indian companies have established their retail outlet in retail sector;

whether before allowing investment, it has been ensured that it will not be prejudicial to the interests of small and retail traders; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) As per the extent policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is not permitted in retail trade except in single brand product retailing where FDI up to 51% is allowed with prior Government approval. A detailed list of the cases approved so far is enclosed as statement. *(See* below)

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. There is no restriction on the entry of big corporate houses and other domestic investors in to the retail sector. However, Government has instituted a study to assess the impact of organized retailing on unorganized retail trade through Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). Government has also commissioned a study to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on Growth linkages of FDI in India which would focus on the impact of FDI on rural economy. The final reports are yet to be submitted by these organisations.